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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

In response to the Office Action dated May 16, 2002 (Paper No. 13), applicants respectfully request reconsideration and examination. The Remarks below show that the application is in condition for allowance. In addition, please amend the application as indicated below.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the Amendment and substitute the following replacement claims for the presently pending claims. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121, applicants submit a separately attached "Version of Claims with Markings to Show Changes Made."

Applicants are filing this response within two months of the date of the Examiner's final Office Action, and request expedited examination.

**Amendment**

**In the Claims:**

Please **Amend** claims 1, 2, 5, 7, 8, 12, and 17. Claims 3, 4, 6, 13, and 14 are "Reiterated" on the following pages for the Examiner's convenience.